

REMARKS

The indication that claims 2 to 4, 6 to 8, 10, and 11 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. The claims have been amended in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 2 to 4 each have each been rewritten in independent form. A new claim set formed of claims 15 to 17 represents claims 6 to 8 rewritten in independent form. The claims as revised also take into consideration the claim objections discussed at page 3 of the specification.

A revised Abstract is enclosed also.

The rejection of claims 1, 5, 9, and 12 to 14 under 35 USC 102 over Mitani et al. '313 is moot because the claim from which claims 5, 9, and 12 to 14 now depend is directed to patentable subject matter; claim 1 has been canceled.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the drawings are acceptable, for acknowledging receipt of the certified copy of the priority document, and for listing the references provided with an Information Disclosure Statement.

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In view of the foregoing revision and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in immediate condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

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